

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated February 3, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1, 3-10, 12, 13, 15-18 and 20-25 are rejected to by the Examiner. Claims 1, 10, and 18 have been amended and claims 26-33 have been added. Claims 1-10, 12-18 and 20-25 remain pending in this application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 2 and 14 contain allowable subject matter.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 4-6, 10, 12, 13, 16-18 and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,593,682 to Kitayama et al. (hereinafter "Kitayama"). Claims 6, 7-9, 15 and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kitayama in view of Applicant's Related Art (ARA).

The rejection of claims 1, 3-10, 12, 13, 15-18 and 20-25 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1, 3-10, 12, 13, 15-18 and 20-25 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "operating the liquid crystal display device in a monostable state." None of the cited references including Kitayama and the ARA, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Kitayama clearly is directed to a ferroelectric liquid crystal in a bistable state, and hence does not include this feature of the present invention and teaches away from the present invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3-10, 12, 13, 15-18 and 20-25 are allowable over the cited references.

Further, new claim 26 is the previous claim 2 rewritten in independent form, so as it was previously indicated that claim 2 contained allowable subject matter, claim 26 is allowable. Further, as claims 27-33 depend from allowable claim 2, claims 27-33 are allowable as well.

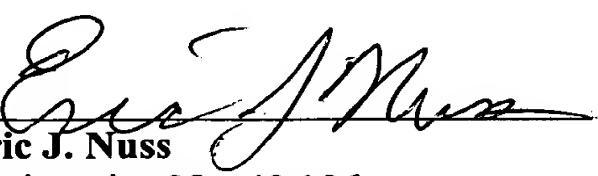
Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps

necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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